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New Issue

The new issue is the currently amended limitations of the yoke members **directly** contact an entire area, instead of previously recited that the yoke members are configured to contact **substantially** an entire area.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed on 6/05/08, have been fully considered and are found NOT persuasive.

The applicant asserts that Shiga discusses in column 5, lines 48-56 that each unit yoke 36 is made by stacking a plurality of steel sheets 40 axially with respect to the rotor. The axially stacked steel sheets 40 are caulked so that the steel sheets 40 are mechanically connected together.

In response to this argument, whether Shiga's each unit yoke 36 is made by stacking a plurality of steel sheets 40 axially with respect to the rotor or not is **irrelevant because the claimed language does not specifically recite the stacking direction of the yoke members**.

In fact, the recitation is "*the yoke comprises a plurality of yoke members made of a magnetic material and arranged in superposed layers with an insulating layer interposed between each adjacent pair of yoke members*". **Shiga** teaches a yoke (36) comprises a plurality of yoke members (40 in fig 6) made of a magnetic material, particularly steel material, and arranged in superposed layers with an insulating layer interposed between each adjacent pair of yoke members (40), i.e., the stacked steel sheets 40 are insulated from one another, eddy-current loss about the magnetic flux can be prevented and accordingly, the magnetic property can be improved (col 7 lines 28-31). Thus, **Shiga** teaches the structure of yoke members superposed with insulating layer interposed and the motivation therefor.

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